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Attorney Docket No. 282.028

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Park et al.

Art Unit: 1724

Serial No.: 10/664,300

Examiner: Cintins, Ivars.

Filing Date: September 17, 2003

Title: Removal of Arsenic and Other Anions Using Novel Adsorbents

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 6, 2005, reconsideration and removal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. Applicant firmly believes that the application may be most efficiently examined if all of the groups were searched at one time. See MPEP §803. Specifically, in Applicant's opinion, at least the claims of Groups I and II should remain in the application as the Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of both Groups I and II are classified in the same class and subclass. Also, the field of the search for the claims of Groups I and II is the same. Therefor, searching for both Groups I and II would not be a serious burden to the Examiner. See MPEP §808.02.

In the alternative, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 2-13, for examination in the above-captioned patent application. This election is without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the subject matter of the non-elected claims of Groups I and II at a later date.

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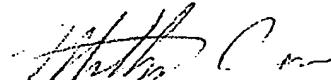
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Further, as the Examiner has required an election of species for the additive, with this response, Applicant provisionally elects iron oxide as the species for the additive. Currently, claims 2, 3, and 5-13 are readable on this species.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments the attending to of which would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-1170 the amount of \$60.00 in payment of a one-month extension fee and also to direct any additional fees associated with this or any other communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,



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